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Preliminary Report

**U-2 Reconnaissance Missions C355C and C365C
flown 2 and 3 July 1965**

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

Mission C355C, flown 2 July 1965, was over south China and its adjacent waters for approximately 1 1/4 hours. It provided photographic coverage on 15 COMOR targets, including the Ning-Ming and Tien-Yang Military Airfield under construction near the North Vietnam border, and 6 bonus targets. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The MiG was sighted by the mission pilot. At least two of the reacting MiG-21's were photographed in flight. No intercept attempt by surface-to-air missiles was noted.

Mission C365C, flown on 3 July 1965, was over the China coast opposite Taiwan for approximately 50 minutes. Photography was obtained of 10 COMOR targets and 3 bonus targets. No photography from this mission is currently available. The mission was planned [REDACTED] for photographic coverage of the Formosa Strait coastal area of mainland China. [REDACTED]

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Initial reporting that there were Chinese Communist SAM reactions to Mission C365C was in error. The indications were due to a

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BACKGROUND

Mission C355C, flown 2 July 1965, penetrated denied territory northeast of Haiphong in North Vietnam. The mission was planned against COMOR targets along the Sino-Vietnamese border in south China and on northern Hainan Island. The U-2 was over the target area for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. The pilot reported the weather as clear to scattered clouds.

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Mission C365C was launched the following day in response to pri-
arising from a temporary reduction
capabilities. Penetrating the mainland south of Swatow, the mission turned north, covering targets along the Formosa Strait opposite Taiwan and exiting north of Foochow. The U-2 was over denied territory for approximately fifty minutes.

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ANALYTICAL FINDINGS

Mission C355C

2 July 1965

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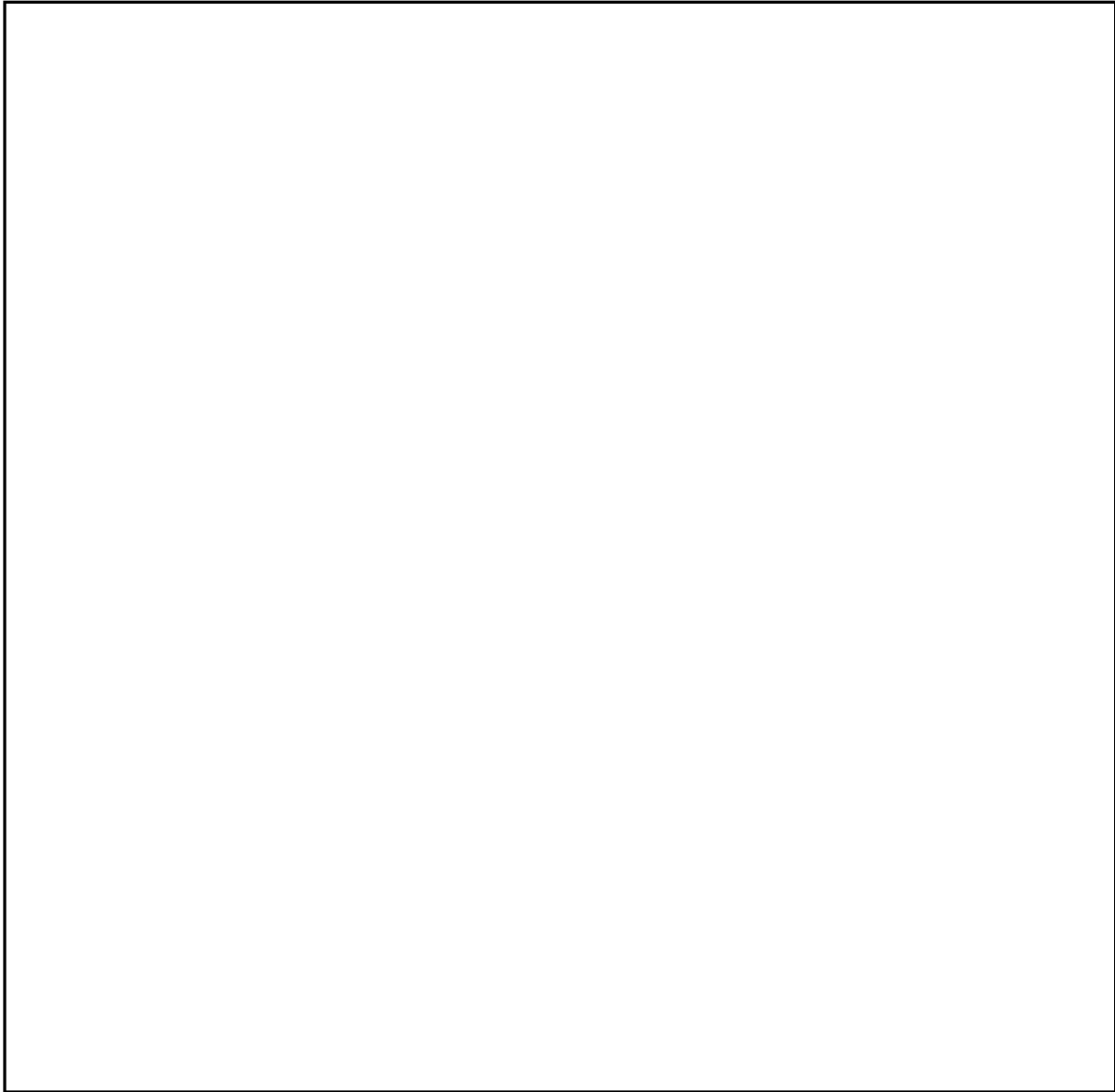
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Missile Reactions -- There were no indications of surface-to-air missile (SAM) or air-to-air missile (AAM) threats to the mission.

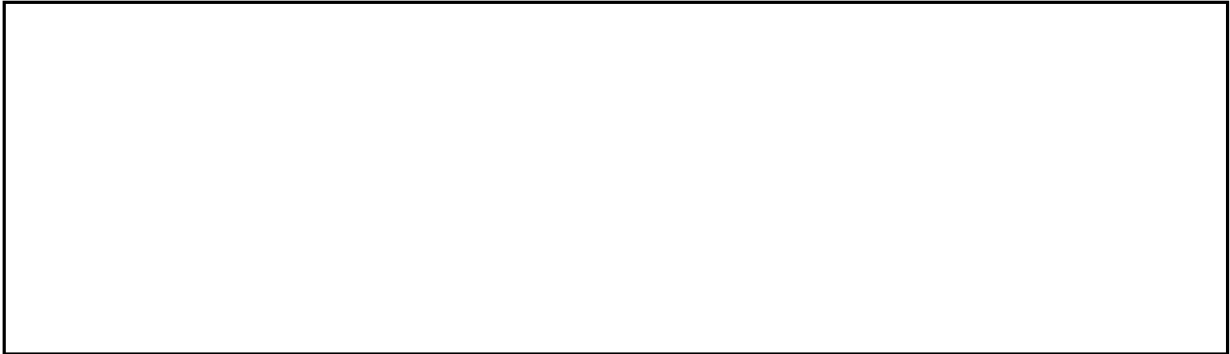
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PHOTOGRAPHY

Preliminary interpretation of the photography indicates that the mission covered: 6 airfields (see figures 3-5); 3 military installations; 6 naval facilities; and 2 electronics facilities. In addition, 15 AAA sites were located in the Ning-Ming area; rail activity on the line between Nan-ning and Ping-Hsiang was observed; and at least two reacting MiG-21's were photographed in flight. In all, 15 COMOR targets and 6 bonus targets were covered. Figures 3 through 6 are representative of photography acquired by the mission.

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Table 1

COMOR TARGETS

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China

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Hai-kou Airfield
Nan-ning Airfield South
Ning-ming Airfield
Chia-lai-shih Airfield under construction
Chan-chiang Naval Base
Kai-kou Port and Naval Base
Ching-lan Chiang Motor Torpedo Boat Base
Pei-hai Naval Station
Lung-men Naval Station
Ning-ming AAA Sites and Railroad Yard
Shu-chang Supply Depot, Hai-kou

North Vietnam

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Port Wallut Naval Base
Loc Binh Army Supply Depot
Lang Son Complex

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Table 2

COMOR TARGETS

Mission C365C

China

Hui An Airfield

Lung Tien Airfield

Swatow Northeast Airfield

San Tu Ao Naval Base

Chao An Barracks A Storage Area

Hung Lai Army Barracks, North Ling Tou

San Tu Ao Military Installation

Tung Shan Military Barracks

Foochow Army Barracks North

Tan Yang Army Barracks Southeast

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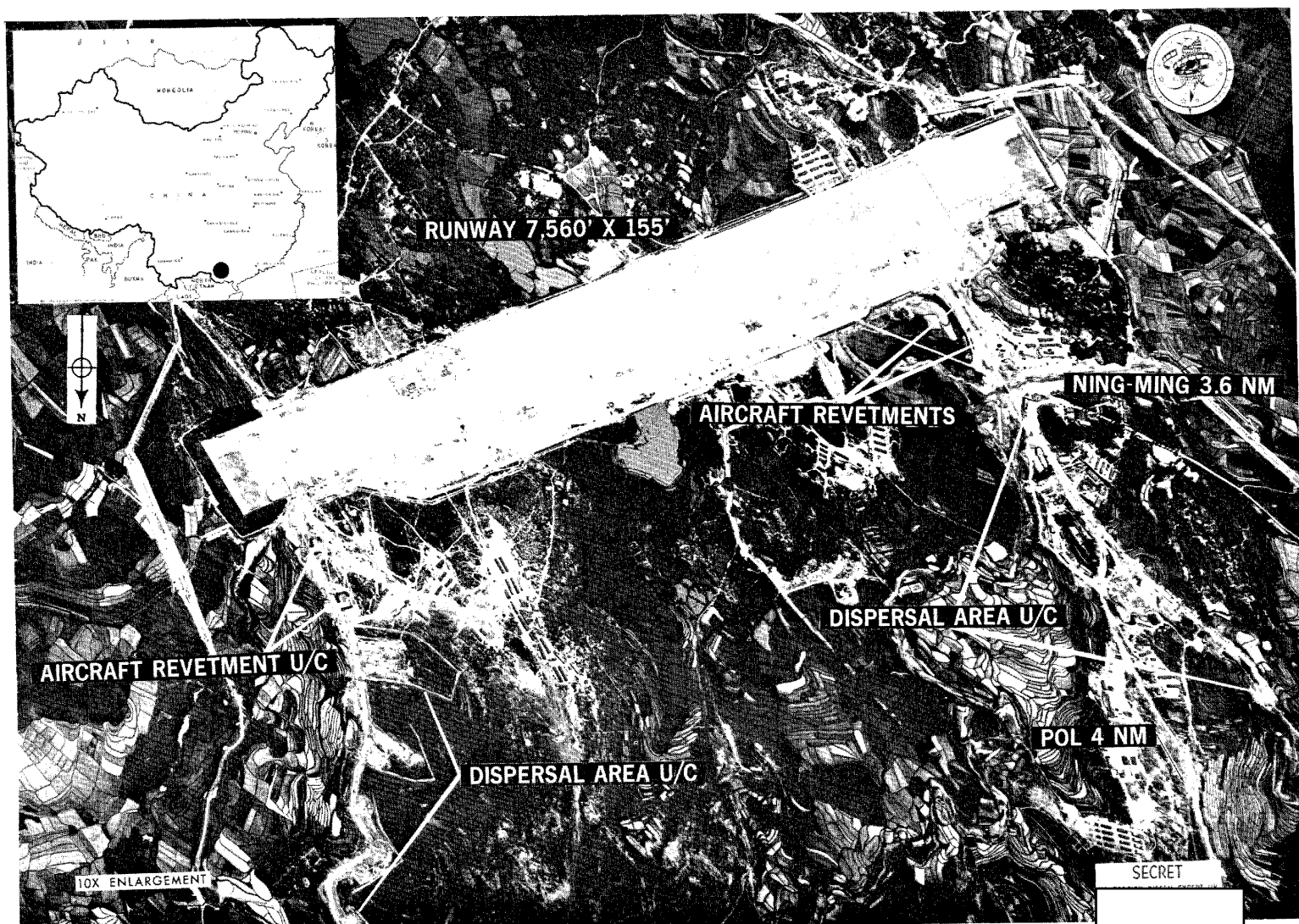
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Figure 3. Ning-Ming Airfield (22-07N, 107-07E)

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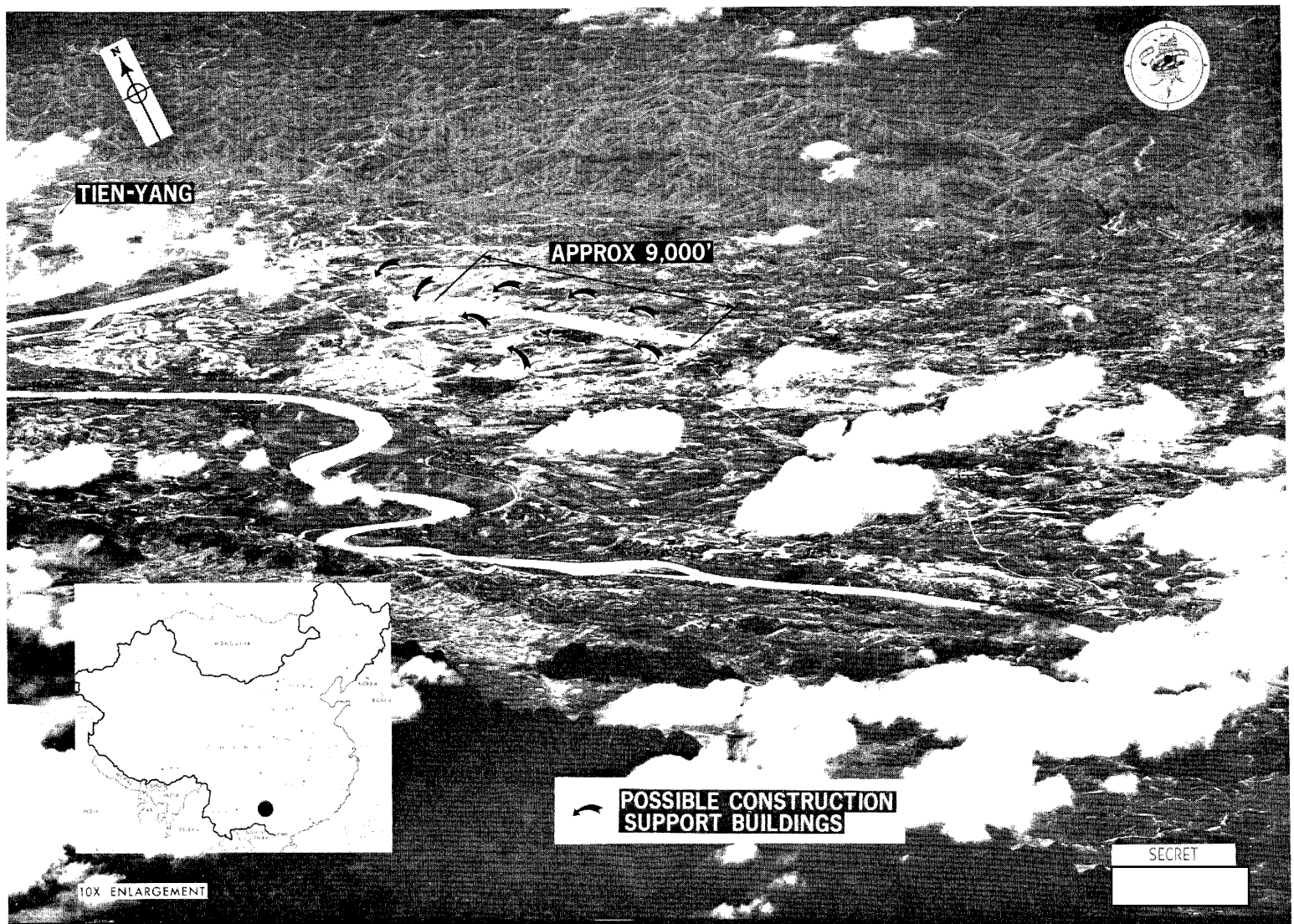
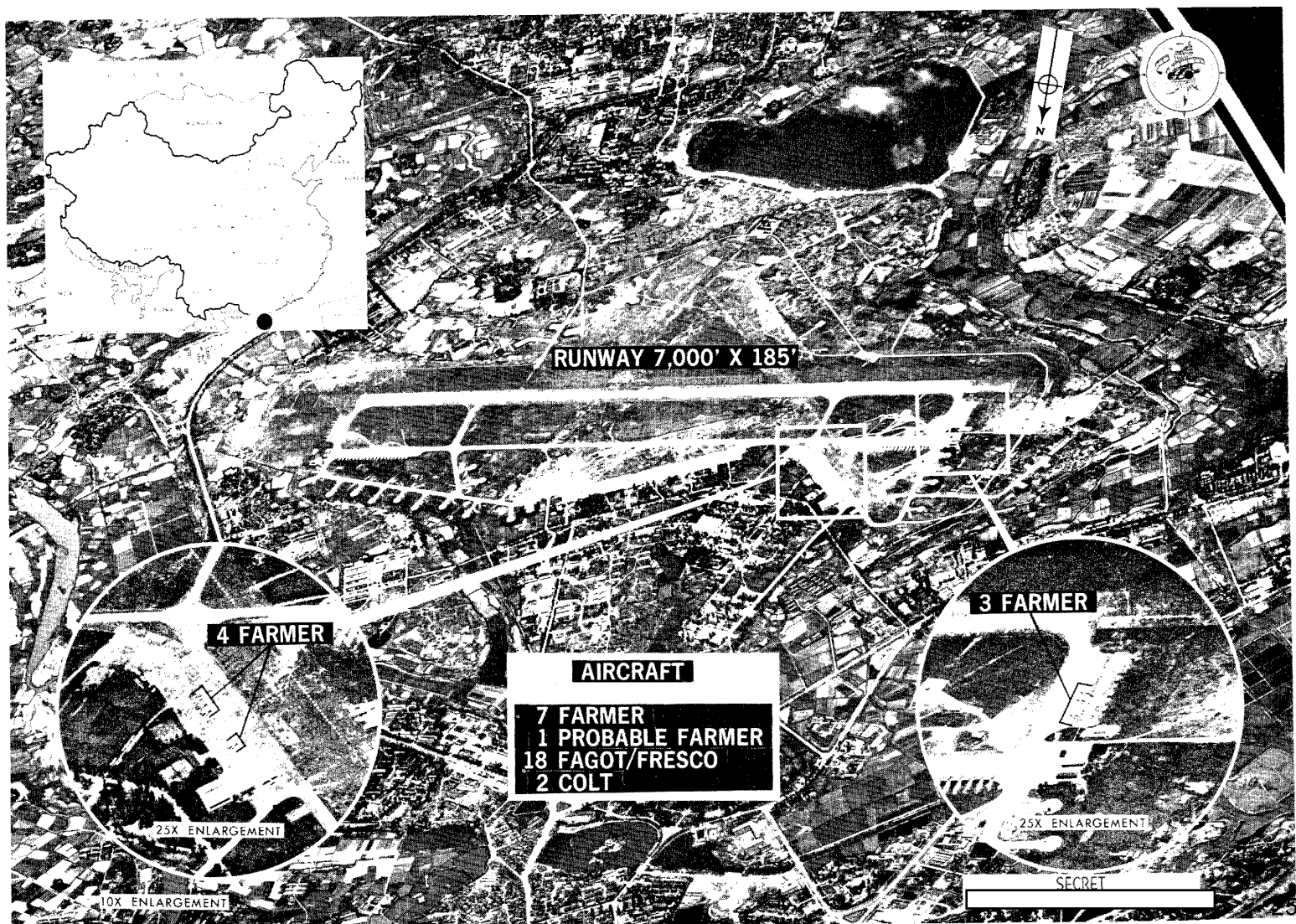


Figure 4. Suspect airfield under construction, Tien-Yang area (23-44N, 106-58E)



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Figure5. Hai-Kou Airfield, Hainan (20-01N, 110-21E)

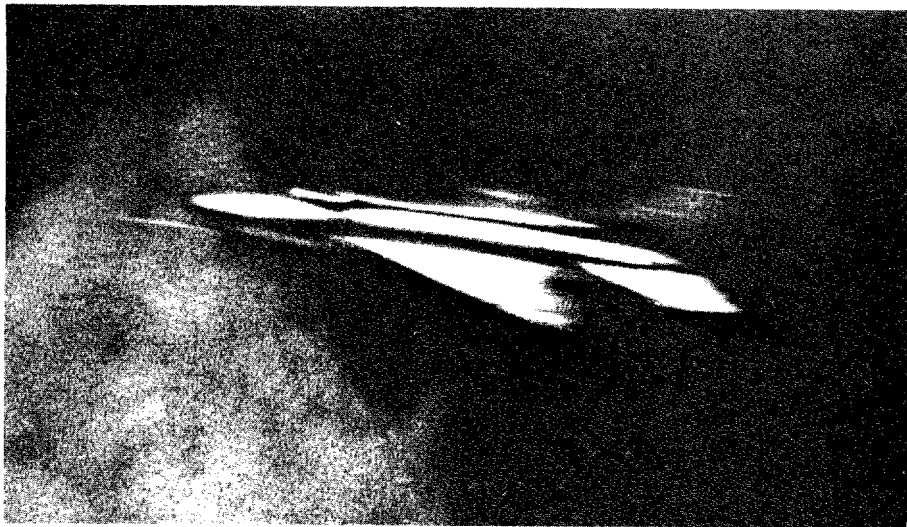


Figure 6. Probable Fishbed (MiG-21)
Photographed on Mission C355C

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